

MEN FROM ALL ENDS OF EARTH IN FRIDAY'S BATTLE ON SOMME Elements of British Forces Not Only Take Trenches on Time, But Push on and Reach Points Reserved for Other Days.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, September 18, via London, September 19.—The most dramatic and picturesque battle of the British army in all its two years in France was fought September 18. Here is the story of how all kinds of men from the ends of the earth took part in this mighty conflict.

In the same dressing station this week the correspondent of the Associated Press has seen Canadians, New Zealanders, English, Scotch, Irish, Newfoundlanders and Americans. These were some of the men of many countries who took part in the new historic battle, and with them went into action those armored motor cars, called "tanks," which are to the credit of a quiet officer of engineers. When the correspondent met this officer in London six months ago and asked him what job he was now on he replied: "I am on the 'tanks'." It was the "tanks" that completed the wonderful business of this battle.

Today when the correspondent was calling on a Canadian brigadier it was "tanks" that he was talking about. Looking like a pre-historic monster in a skin of modern armor and with engines inside, which work like a steam engine, these armored cars, with their phylonic adaptability by all irregularities of the ground, are the "tanks" of the modern war. The skipper of "The Cordon Rouge" alighted, and with phlegmatic calmness he said that he reported for further orders.

Many Americans in Charge.
The brigadier laughingly bade him not to start the brute down the stairs of the dugout, but move it to one side and wait. So the "tank" advanced with the bulky leisure of a hippopotamus over some more shell craters to a place where it would be out of the way until it was needed.

Then the correspondent went over the ground which the Canadians had taken up to the edge of the village of Courcellette. Later they stormed the village. He met Canadians who came from Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. But when he asked some of them what part of Canada they hailed from they replied: "The same country as you do—the United States."

There were men with the accents of Missouri and New England and others who, on the soil of France, hailed one another in the French tongue of Quebec.

"We got into a big show, all right," said the Americans, "and that is what we came here for." These men who had rushed to the attack of the ridge of the Somme against machine gun fire and shells carried themselves by all accounts in a manner worthy of the traditions of the civil war.

It was the Canadians' first offensive on any big scale. They had the shock of attack at the second battle of Ypres, at St. Eloi, Orreil Hill and Sanctuary Wood, and it had been their fortune up to the present to stand under blows rather than give them. They wanted their chance on the Somme to make good, as they said, and they had it.

All Had Stories to Tell.

This rainy day one saw battalions of them marching out from the trenches they had won and other battalions marching in. Those fresh from the fight were plastered with mud, but triumphant. They had a hundred stories to tell, while the rain dripped from their tarpaulin, of how the "Byng boys" had made good. The wounded, also drenched by the rain, eagerly listened in these stories. The Canadians are known as the "Byng boys," after the name of their corps commander, Gen. Sir Julian Byng, and also by virtue of a popular song in London entitled "The Byng Boys Are Here."

Gen. Byng grasped the idea that the Canadians have initiative. Just there, as far as the correspondent could learn, is the essential of the universally admitted brilliant stroke which the Canadians dealt when it came to return to play their part in the colossal plan of the Somme offensive. In other words, Gen. Byng understood that given a goal the men of North America would go to it with all there was in them ready to take a pinch-hit chance.

The correspondent went over the ground today where they went to it and saw where they stuck in trenches under shell fire which they had gained after their second charge and which were not in the original plan. The night before the battle the staff officer in charge of that branch of the front showed the correspondent the Canadian objective. No home run was expected from them, but only a sacrifice, to use base ball language; but they made a home run and brought in all the men on the bases.

Captured Trench on Time.

They gained their first objective in an uninterrupted dash, absolutely on time. There was the trench which the "Byng boys" held on the morning of the 15th, as the correspondent saw it today. Behind it and ahead of it shell craters were so thick that you could step from one to another. Having taken their objective, their nerves strided to the breaking point in their determination to make good on their first offensive. When the word was given they started for Courcellette, which they were ordered to take. Now, this village had been "less crumpled" than any yet captured.

There were some battered rafters of roofs still in position. That is, Courcellette had had less hammering by preparatory shelling so as to clean out its strong points, nests of machine guns and so forth. Through these streets to their new objective, marked on their map, went those fighters of the new world, including men from as far south as New Orleans, as well as men from Nova Scotia and Vancouver. They were determined to get there, and make good, and they got there.

Too Busy Winning, Is Report.

When no word came back for some time the staff sitting in the center of the web of telephone and telegraph wires over which was flashing the news of the progress of the great battle, began to wonder if the Canadians were in trouble. But presently they got word

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life-and-death fight, and all that was required of them was to put their fingers on the triggers of their machine guns when we charged. We left it to the second objective in the same rush. It was no matter if the colonel of one of the regiments stood up on a hill and blew the silver hunting horn he carried in order to halt them. The guards were off and they meant to stretch a two-base hit into a three-bagger, machine fire notwithstanding, or how else could they be the guards. When they reached their final objective where they were to have it out with the Germans in as hard fighting as ever this war has known, an Irishman in the Irish Guards exclaimed: "Is this as far as they told us to go? Sure, I haven't got my second wind yet." More than once, facing counter at-

Work of the New Zealanders.

Then there were the New Zealanders. They are known from the Australians by the colored bands around their campaign hats. The little country they come from is 18,000 miles away.

"Proud, 'laughy lot to look at," said a London cookney. "You might think they were all lords, but when you get to know them they're human and most generous with their 'igh pay.'" The New Zealanders also had their orders of the "Go there and stay there" kind. They went and later on the situation was such that they were warned that they must try and hold against a heavy counter attack. The staff wondered if they could. One of the clouds of shell smoke in which bullets and fragments of steel screamed and whistled it was as difficult to glean information as it would be to learn what a man in an earth-quake. Finally word came back: "We have stopped counter attack and taken some more ground and are going to hold it." This cheered the staff as much as the sight of the columns of German prisoners filling by. It particularly cheered them as at some points things were not going so well as at others.

The battalions whose luck failed them in this drive on the six-mile British front were driven back by the cunningly arranged enfilading fire of machine guns in strong points which neither the artillery nor tanks could conquer. As the wounded from these battalions lay hobbling down the shell-emptied road they were cheered by the news of successes at other points.

When "the Guards" Went In.

There was a spectacular moment when, some time after the battle had opened, word ran down the line that the "guards" were going in. The guards are the crack regiments of the British regular army and are steeped in the old aristocratic traditions. When they came to the offensive they must show others the way through, although the body of a peer's son is no less vulnerable to bullets than that of a cockney.

When they "went over the lid," as the slang phrase is for mounting the parapet of the trench for a charge, it was the supreme moment for the guards to live up to their traditions.

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and, having writ, moves on:—"**

Rubaiyat—Omar Khayyam.

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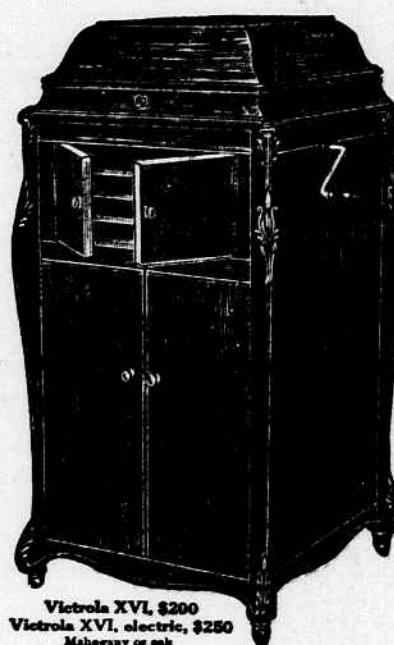
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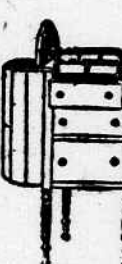


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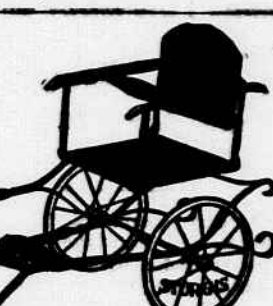
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\$2.25



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Palais Royal Boys' Shop—Third Floor.

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Suits,
For
One
Day

\$2.60



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